3. In their application to the staff serving in the Indian Audit & Accounts Department these orders issue after consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

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(V.A. Pillai)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To

All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

VRS to Central Government employees

995. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to offer VRS to Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration to offer VRS to the Central Government employees other than those which already exist under various provisions.

Payment of death-cum-retirement gratuity

996. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has held that the Central Government employees who retired between 01.01.1986 and 31.12.1995 are entitled to death-cum-retirement gratuity on the basis of last pay drawn plus full dearness allowance as admissible thereon;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued orders to that effect; if so, when; and

(c) if the decision of the Supreme Court has not been implemented so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Development and upgradation of Mumbai

997. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra had last year submitted to the Prime Minister a blue print for realising the Prime Minister's vision to develop and upgrade Mumbai into a "Shanghai" of India;

(b) if so, the details of the different development schemes included in the blue print and the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the Central Government aid sought therefor, and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) An all-Party delegation from Maharashtra led by the Chief Minister called on the then Prime Minister on August 21, 2003 and submitted a memorandum containing various projects which the Government of Maharashtra wanted to undertake in the areas of housing, transportation and other infrastructure in Mumbai. The main proposals along with the estimated cost and the quantum of Central Assistance sought are as follows:

(Rs. crore)

Project	Estimated Cost	Central Assistance sought
Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project	2648	648
Light Rail Transit System	820	125
Express Free Ways	12296	4385
Redevelopment of Dilapidated Buildings	1500	750
Dharavi Slum Development	Not given	461